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In re Application of
Perrault, et al.

Examiner: Gina C. Yu

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Title: Inherently Antimicrobial
Quaternary Amine Hydrogel
Wound Dressings

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 27, 2001, favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 3-37, including independent claims 1, 11, and 23 are currently pending in the present application. In the initial Office Action, independent claims 1, 11, and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over WO 92/06695 to Vaughn, et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,525,356 to Jevne, et al.

However, Applicants respectfully submit that, even if the references are combined in the manner suggested in the Office Action, the resulting combination still fails to disclose or suggest one or more limitations of the present claims.

For instance, Vaughn, et al., as correctly noted by the Examiner, is directed to